

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

**HON. KAREN L. THURMAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 1999*

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the University of Florida Women's Soccer Team. The Gators brought home the 1998 NCAA Women's Soccer Championship in only their fourth year of existence. Women's soccer is a relatively new competitive sport. But you would never have known that looking at the way these women played on Sunday, December 6.

That's the day these well-honed athletes will remember for the rest of their lives. They won the championship game against the University of North Carolina before a record crowd of more than 10,500 fans. The pressure was really on to beat the Tar Heels—well recognized for their 70-match unbeaten streak and numerous NCAA tournament wins.

Some people may have considered the Gators the new kids on the block. But they were out to prove themselves. And in doing so, the Gators became the youngest program this decade to win a title. The program was formed only four years ago by coach Becky Burleigh. She also made history. She became the first woman head coach to win an NCAA soccer championship.

Following the winning game, the Palm Beach Post quoted Burleigh saying, "I can't believe it." The coach's reaction clearly describes her excitement. But I would like to clarify the record. This talented woman knew all along her team could do it. When she started recruiting for the squad's first season, she told her young freshmen players they would go to the final Four by graduation. And that happened.

Burleigh's fine eye for recruiting talent and her ability to mold and inspire took these women to the top. In January, Burleigh was named coach of the year by the National Soccer Coaches of America Association. Before that, the same association named her the coach of the year for the Southeast region. And I'm sure there's much more recognition coming her way and the Gators' way in the future.

I want to congratulate Burleigh and her coaching team: Assistant Coaches Victor Campbell and Tiffany Thompson, Volunteer Coach Matthew Mitchell, Manager Scott Barbee, and Athletic Trainer Michael Duck.

I also want to individually congratulate the entire team: Meredith Flaherty, who was named the tournament's Defensive Most Valuable Player, Danielle Fotopoulos, who was named the tournament's Offensive Most Valuable Player, Danielle Bass, Erin Baxter, Keisha Bell, Christie Brady, Jill DiBerardino, Kerri Doran, Erin Gilhart, Karyn Hall, Michelle Harris, Jordan Kellgren, Genie Leonard, Alexis MacKenzie, Kelly Maher, Heather Mitts, Adrienne Moreira, Lisa Olinyk, Angie Olson, Lynn Pattishall, Melissa Pini, Renee Reynolds, Andrea Sellers, Whitney Singer, Jill Stevens, Katie Tullis, Abby Wambach, Tracy Ward and Sarah Yohe.

Go Gators!

## ON THE CONTINUING STEEL CRISIS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 1999*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call upon the other body to pass H.R. 975, the steel import limitation bill. The House passed this bill by an overwhelming margin because the policy of this Administration has failed to protect the American steel industry and its workers from unfair competition. But a bill does not become a law without votes from both Houses of Congress.

While America waits for the other side to vote on H.R. 975, steel imports have begun to climb again. This should be an important reminder that nothing the Administration is pursuing adequately limits unfairly low priced steel imports. Though the Administration is ineffective in preserving the American steel industry, the Administration is actively defending the American banana industry in a trade dispute with Europe. But does the banana industry employ 160,000 American workers? No. Does nearly every state in the Northeast and Southeast and Southwest have a banana industry? No. Are foreign bananas crowding out the American banana business in the U.S.? No. Those facts have not stopped the Administration from pulling out every stop to protect a banana industry that does not exist in America.

Bananas did not build America. Steel did. The only practical solution to the steel import crisis is to make H.R. 975 into law.

## TRIBUTE TO BETTY ADELSTEIN

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 1999*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Betty Adelstein, an outstanding individual who has devoted her life to her family and to serving the community. Mrs. Adelstein will turn 90 on Wednesday and celebrated May 2, 1999 at a party given her family and friends.

She is a vibrant, dynamic, caring woman who drives to St. Vincent Hospital three days a week to volunteer in the office of the Director of Pediatrics. She has accumulated over 10,000 hours of volunteer service at the hospital and, during the past twenty years, she has given of herself and her time to various Staten Island organizations. Before moving to Staten Island, she spent nearly fifty years as a resident of the Bronx.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Adelstein was born in New Britain, Connecticut on May 5, 1909, a first generation American. From the age of five, she helped sell newspapers in her father's candy store. At fourteen years of age, after the shop was closed, she was taken out of school and brought to New York to help in the vegetable store her father opened there, leaving her mother, 4 brothers and a sister behind. When she was sixteen, the family moved to the Bronx from New Britain.

Mrs. Adelstein finished high school at night. Several years later, she met her husband,

David, an electrical engineer. They were married in 1932 and remained in the Bronx for forty-one years until his death in 1973. In 1975, she moved to Staten Island to be near her daughter, son-in-law and grandson. It was then last that she began her long career as a volunteer, which continues to this day. She is truly a source of inspiration to all who know her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing a happy 90th birthday to Betty Adelstein.

## TRIBUTE TO SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

**HON. HERBERT H. BATEMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 1999*

Mr. BATEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the First District of Virginia's Hellenic community as it celebrates the 50th anniversary of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Newport News.

Greek immigrants have lived and worked on the Virginia Peninsula from as early as 1900. From its humble beginnings to today, the Greek community has played a significant role in the growth and prosperity of the Virginia Peninsula. It also has established a number of associations and organizations for its members, which add to the strength of the community as a whole. The benefits of such associations are innumerable.

In 1929, a small group of Greek-American men on the Peninsula organized the Woodrow Wilson Chapter of the American Hellenic Educational and Progressive Association (AHEPA) while a group of Greek-American women organized the Greek Women's Penelope Society, an independent organization dedicated to community service. The Greek community soon began meeting regularly at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 34th Street in Newport News and by 1934 a constitution was drafted to govern the growing community. The Hellenic Educational Society also was formed in 1934. This organization served as a community board to oversee the education of the young.

In 1944, a committee was formed to develop plans to build a church. Within three years, ground was broken on land near the Victory Arch in Newport News and Saints Constantine and Helen was completed by 1949. Then Archbishop Athenagoras—later Patriarch—participated in the dedication of the church. At that time, the congregation numbered 50 families. There are more than 1,000 members of the church today.

Soon after the Saints Constantine and Helen was built, a Philoptochos Chapter was formed to assist the needy on the Peninsula. This chapter is still in existence and the majority of the church's contributions to charitable organizations on the local, regional, national and international levels originates from this group.

As the number of Greek families in the community began to grow, so did the need for more space. In 1958, three school rooms were added to the church to provide an area for Sunday school classes. This provided both religious and language education for the children